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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. PORTUGAL: AZEVEDO CONTEMPLATES RESIGNATION

CABINET SECRETARY SA MACHADO INFORMED EMBASSY LISBON THAT AZEVEDO IS FRUSTRATED BY COSTA GOMES' HABITUAL INDECISIVENESS. SA MACHADO ADDED:

--AZEVEDO HAS HINTED HE WILL RESIGN IF HE CANNOT REESTABLISH GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY WITHIN A WEEK OR SO.

--WHILE THE COMMUNISTS CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GOVERNMENT, THEY ARE WORKING TO SUBVERT IT.

EMBASSY COMMENT: SA MACHADO IS PESSIMISTIC. HE READILY ADMITS THE GOVERNMENT IS GIVING ITS ENEMIES TOO FREE A REIN AND FEARS AN EXTREME SOLUTION--OF THE RIGHT OR THE LEFT--MAY BE IN THE OFFING IF AZEVEDO FAILS. (SECRET) LISBON 5917

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(EXDIS), 10/7.)

2. ANGOLA: TROOPS WITHDRAW FROM CENTRAL ANGOLA

CONSUL GENERAL KILLORAN HAS LEARNED THAT PORTUGUESE TROOPS UNCEREMONIOUSLY ABANDONED THEIR CENTRAL COMMAND AREA OCTOBER 2-4. THE DEPARTING TROOPS LEFT ALMOST ALL OF THEIR EQUIP-

MENT (INCLUDING POL SUPPLIES, A HANDFUL OF MORTARS AND MACHINE GUNS, AND A NUMBER OF VEHICLES) TO BE DIVIDED BETWEEN FNLA AND UNITA. THE PORTUGUESE NOW HAVE NO INLAND MILITARY PRESENCE BETWEEN LUANDA AND SA DA BANDEIRA IN THE SOUTH, AND THE LATTER IS SCHEDULED FOR ABANDONMENT SHORTLY. (CONFIDENTIAL) LUANDA 1500 (EXDIS), 10/7.)

3. AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN COMMENTS ON ECHEVERRIA UNGA SPEECH

AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN REPORTS: "MISSION EXPERTS WILL IN DUE TIME BE SENDING A REPORT ON PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S ADDRESS TO THE UNGA, BUT AS A FIRST IMPRESSION I WOULD LIKE TO REPORT THAT IT WAS A BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE. ALMOST EVERYBODY IN THE ROOM, EXCEPTING THOSE OF US WHO HAVE READ THE AGEE BOOK, WOULD HAVE COME AWAY ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED THAT HE IS A PRO-COMMUNIST, ANTI-AMERICAN LATIN REVOLUTIONARY. I ASSUME THIS IS THE IMPRESSION WE TOLD HIM TO GIVE. I DON'T CARE WHAT THOSE SENATE FELLOWS SAY, THE AGENCY IS STILL TOP NOTCH AT CONFUSING THE ENEMY." (CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 4804 (EXDIS), 10/7.)

4. UK BREAKS WITH EC OVER PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE

US MISSION EC BRUSSELS REPORTS THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN, IN LANGUAGE STRONGER THAN IS NORMAL AT EC MEETINGS:

--TOLD THE COUNCIL EXPANSION OF THE PRODUCER-CONSUMER AGENDA BEYOND ENERGY MATTERS MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE UK TO ACCEPT REPRESENTATION BY THE EC; BUT

--ADMITTED A SEPARATE UK DELEGATION MIGHT SUPPORT A COMMON EC POSITION.

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SEVERAL DELEGATES STRONGLY DEPLORED CALLAGHAN'S POSITION AND THREATENED TO FOLLOW A SIMILAR COURSE IF THE BRITISH PERSIST. (CONFIDENTIAL) EC BRUSSELS 9012, 10/7.)

5. ARGENTINA: FATE OF MRS. PERON KEY TO POLITICAL OUTCOME

EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES BELIEVES THAT, ALTHOUGH NO LONGER A CONTENDER FOR POWER, MRS. PERON'S FUTURE STATUS IS THE

PIVOTAL POINT OF THE ONGOING POLITICAL CRISIS, AND THE MANNER IN WHICH SHE IS REMOVED WILL DETERMINE WHO WILL FILL THE CURRENT POLITICAL VACUUM.

--CONTINUING POOR HEALTH AND CHARGES OF MALFEASANCE IN OFFICE PLACE IN SERIOUS DOUBT HER RETURN, EVEN AS A FIGUREHEAD.

--HER RESUMPTION OF POWER WOULD BE OPPOSED BY THE MILITARY AND A MAJORITY IN THE CONGRESS.

ALTHOUGH THE NEXT TWO WEEKS WILL BE DECISIVE, ECONOMIC MALAISE COUPLED WITH UNCONTROLLED TERRORISM AND INFIGHTING AMONG PERONIST PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDERS LESSEN THE CHANCES THAT CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL SURVIVE UNTIL THE ELECTIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL) BUENOS AIRES 6699, 10/7.)

6. USUN PROPOSES STRATEGY FOR UNEF DEBATE

CITING THE ADVANTAGES OF MEETING SOVIET HOSTILITY WITH FOREBEARANCE AND MODERATE RESPONSIVENESS, USUN SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING STRATEGY FOR THE UNEF DEBATE:

--DELAY ACTION UNTIL ABOUT ONE WEEK BEFORE THE OCTOBER 24 EXPIRATION, THUS MINIMIZING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SOVIETS TO HARASS THE COUNCIL;

--URGE USYG URQUHART TO AVOID ISSUING A REPORT CONCERNING UNEF'S NEW FUNCTIONS (I.E. ESCORTING TECHNICIANS TO THE OILFIELDS) BY USING THE UNTSO RATHER THAN THE UNEF BEFORE OCTOBER 24;

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--REVISE THE JULY 24 EXTENSION RESOLUTION AND URGE THE NONALIGNED UNSC MEMBERS TO PROPOSE IT AS THEIR OWN;

--ALLOW THE SOVIETS TO SAVE FACE BY INSERTING A PROVISION THAT THE SYG MAKE AN INTERIM REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AFTER SIX MONTHS. (SECRET) USUN 4834, 10/8.) KISSINGER

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